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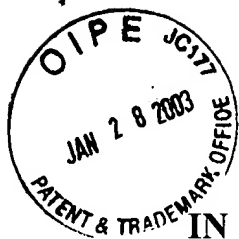
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 10, 2003, for which a shortened statutory period for response had been set to expire on February 10, 2003.

The above-identified Restriction Requirement identifies three inventions as follows:

Class I: 1-5 and 21-28 directed to the waste fluid line with an air break;

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Class II: 6-12 and 29-36 directed to using a sterile filter in the replacement fluid path;
and

Class III: 13-20 directed to extended use features.

Applicants hereby elect the group II invention and request amendment of claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 13, and 15 so that they appear as in the following full clean set of amended claims. The amendments to the claims are highlighted in the attached sheets showing the changes only to the amended claims. The amendments are made solely for the purpose of bringing all claims within the scope of the selected class and are not made in response to any prior art or other patentability requirement or objection.